Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Direct support professionals are the primary providers of publicly funded long-term services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals provide essential supports for individuals with disabilities to be active members of their communities and stay connected with family and friends; and,

Whereas, Direct support professionals support individuals with disabilities to achieve integrated employment and careers in their communities; and,

Whereas, There are nearly 3,200 direct support professionals working for 19 Community Support Provider agencies and the South Dakota Developmental Center; and,

Whereas, Communities are strengthened and enriched by the inclusion of all members of society, including people with disabilities; and,

Whereas, Direct Support Professionals Week is an opportunity to recognize the dedicated, devoted, and compassionate workers who support individuals with disabilities and to thank them for their service to South Dakotans with disabilities and their families:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2016, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State